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The Honourable A.J. Hooke,
Provincial Secretary,
Edmonton, Alberta.

SP. 3759
March 3rd, 1959.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the year ending December 31st, 1958, showing statistical details of the services rendered and of the activities coming under the purview of the Department, covering the calendar year 1958 and showing the revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1958.

The statistics are given in tabular form showing comparisons for three successive years and are arranged in the following order.

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Revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1958, showed an increase of 12.8% over the revenue for the preceding fiscal year.

Amusements Tax revenue for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1958, declined by 38.5% from the revenue for the previous fiscal year. Admissions up to and including 65¢ were exempt from tax effective July 1st, 1957, while previous to that date and from July 1st, 1956, admissions up to and including 35¢ had been exempt from tax. Pari-mutuel betting during the 1958 racing season declined by approximately 5.61% from the previous year.

The upward trend in the number of incorporations and registrations under The Companies Act continued in the year 1958. During this year 1,896 Alberta

companies with authorized capital amounting to approximately \$98,000,000 were incorporated under The Companies Act and 295 foreign companies, using capital amounting to approximately \$16,500,000 to carry on business in Alberta, were registered. After strike-offs and restorations to the register there was a net increase in the number of companies registered (provincial and foreign) at the end of the year of 10.87%.

A marked decrease in the annual monetary fire loss within the province has been evident over the past few years. The percentage reduction of property loss from 1956 to 1958 (estimated figures for 1958) amounted to 22.16%, while the reduction in per capita loss over the same period amounted to 26.27%. It is worthy of note that five Alberta municipalities received high awards as a result of the Annual Fire Prevention Week Competition, placing within the top thirty across Canada, and thirty-eight municipalities will receive Certificates of Merit for outstanding promotion of Fire Prevention Week Educational projects.

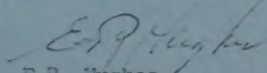
Taxable sales of fuel oil products continued on the increase during the calendar year 1958 showing a 4.46% increase over 1957 sales. Total gallonage sales of all fuel oil products declined by .06% from the previous year.

Insurance premiums of all classes written in the year 1957 were \$97,505,154, being nearly 12% above the premiums written in the year 1956. The per capita premium in 1957 based on the June 1st, 1957 estimated population of 1,160,000 was \$84.06, an increase of \$6.37 from the previous year.

Regulations providing for the qualification of real estate agents and salesmen by examination were approved by Order in Council to become effective on the 1st day of June, 1959.

Revenue from The Insurance Corporations Tax Act, passed in the 1957 Session of the Legislature, and covering insurance premiums written during the calendar year 1957 amounted to \$1,699,124. This tax is calculated at the rate of 2% on premiums for all classes of insurance written in the province with the exception of marine insurance and premiums written by fraternal societies.

Respectfully submitted,


E.R. Hughes,
Deputy Provincial Secretary

FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

TABLE I

1955-56

1956-57

1957-58

AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

Amusements Tax	\$1,013,757.36	\$ 922,756.89	\$ 567,085.00
Pari-Mutuel Tax	412,674.94	451,607.03	590,577.37
Censorship Fees	45,994.50	42,060.00	38,624.50
Licence Fees, Theatres, Halls, etc.	26,022.05	23,068.18	21,236.28
Licence Fees, Moving Picture Operators	2,311.25	2,225.15	2,052.00
Total, Amusements Branch	<u>\$1,500,760.10</u>	<u>\$1,441,717.25</u>	<u>\$1,219,575.15</u>

COMPANIES BRANCH

Alberta Companies Incorporated	\$ 143,427.86	\$ 181,560.90	\$ 180,606.56
Foreign Companies Registered	42,060.72	43,467.03	52,799.51
Extracts and Searches	<u>8,008.95</u>	<u>16,565.38</u>	<u>9,455.97</u>
Total, Companies Act	\$ 193,497.53	\$ 241,593.31	\$ 242,862.04
Corporations Taxation Act	18.00	424.00	25.00
Trust Companies Act	105.00	90.00	125.00
Miscellaneous Acts, Registrations	1,664.50	1,307.00	1,223.90
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>2.00</u>		<u>4.00</u>
Total, Companies Branch	<u>\$ 195,287.03</u>	<u>\$ 243,414.31</u>	<u>\$ 244,239.94</u>

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH

Fire Prevention Tax	\$ 39,655.58	\$ 37,690.51	\$ 40,097.71
Miscellaneous Revenue			7.60
Lightning Rod Act, Licences	<u>311.20</u>	<u>183.60</u>	<u>205.00</u>
Total, Fire Commissioner's Branch	<u>\$ 39,966.78</u>	<u>\$ 37,874.11</u>	<u>\$ 40,310.31</u>

FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

Fuel Oil Tax (Net of Commissions)	<u>\$20,256,251.39</u>	<u>\$22,256,815.45</u>	<u>\$23,902,403.94</u>
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GENERAL OFFICE

Change of Name Act	\$ 3,932.00	\$ 4,623.00	\$ 5,150.00
Professionals Acts: Chiropody	20.00	20.00	
Optometry	20.00	82.00	140.00
Queen's Counsel Letters Patent	<u>1,900.00</u>		<u>1,800.00</u>
Total, General Office	<u>\$ 5,872.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,725.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,090.00</u>

	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>
INSURANCE BRANCH			
Agents' Licence Fees	\$ 52,528.50	\$ 56,148.00	\$ 59,220.61
Companies' Licence Fees	<u>142,312.50</u>	<u>150,442.50</u>	<u>142,447.50</u>
Total, Insurance Act	\$ 194,841.00	\$ 206,590.50	\$ 201,668.11
Real Estate Agents' Licencing Act	10,747.00	12,816.00	14,992.00
Insurance Corporations Tax Act			1,699,124.69
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>1,024.64</u>	<u>3,214.83</u>	<u>1,530.04</u>
Total, Insurance Branch	<u>\$ 206,622.64</u>	<u>\$ 222,621.33</u>	<u>\$1,917,314.84</u>
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Profit on Sale of Fuel Oil Dye	\$ 12,856.32	\$ 17,603.88	\$ 14,216.82
Reimbursement of Salaries and Expenses	1,894.86	5,113.70	4,327.22
Sale of Automobiles	<u>300.17</u>		
Total, Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 15,051.35</u>	<u>\$ 22,717.58</u>	<u>\$ 18,544.04</u>
TOTAL REVENUE ALL BRANCHES	<u><u>\$22,219,811.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$24,229,885.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$27,349,478.22</u></u>

AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

AMUSEMENTS TAX DIVISION

TABLE II

Amusements Admissions
(Taxable Admissions Only)

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Calgary	3,820,911	2,602,973	2,104,661
Edmonton	4,527,226	2,986,388	1,912,789
Lethbridge	732,486	339,065	112,435
Medicine Hat	575,264	282,814	45,288
All Others	<u>5,825,136</u>	<u>2,366,743</u>	<u>419,611</u>
Total Admissions	15,481,023	8,577,983	4,594,784

Pari-Mutuel Betting
(Total Amount Wagered)

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Calgary	\$4,174,288.	\$4,725,148.	\$4,287,836.
Edmonton	4,913,191.	7,138,466.	6,911,674.
All Others	<u>11,286.</u>	<u>16,442.</u>	<u>14,578.</u>
Total Betting	\$9,098,765.	\$11,880,056.	\$11,214,088.

Places of Amusement Licensed

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Entertainment Halls	900	908	917
Film Exchanges	13	14	12
Itinerant Exhibitors	7	7	6
Theatres	404	376	345
Travelling Shows (including Carnivals)	<u>45</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>17</u>
Total Licensed	1369	1335	1327

AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

CENSORSHIP DIVISION

TABLE III

Standard Gauge Film (35 m.m.)

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections **</u>		
	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
African			1						
Australian	2	6	8						
Brazilian	2	2		8(1)					
British	259	256	163	50(17)	42(19)	41(12)			1
Canadian	12	10	11						
Chinese		6	5						
Cuban		4							
Czechoslovakian			1						
Danish	2	2		1(1)					
Franco-Italian	1		3			3(1)	1		
French	8	14	7		1(1)	17(5)	1		
German	42	42	28	29(9)	41(7)	14(5)			1
Hungarian	1	1							
Israeli	2								
Italian	19	28	45	11(2)	8(3)	12(5)			
Japanese	8		6						
Mexican			2			3(1)			
Monaco French	2								
Polish	2								
Russian	11	7	8		2(1)	2(2)			
South African			1						
Spanish			2						
Swedish			1						1
United States	2380	2134	1769	196(86)	208(86)	218(85)	2	4	5
Yiddish	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Totals	2754	2513	2061	295(116)	302(117)	310(116)	4	4	8
Second Prints	<u>1761</u>	<u>1493</u>	<u>1412</u>						
Total all Films	4515	4006	3473						

* Indicates number of individual eliminations, several of which may occur in the same film. The figures in brackets indicate the number of films from which eliminations have been made.

** Indicates number of complete films rejected.

Films NOT Approved

The Flesh Is Weak

"The Flesh Is Weak" was found to be a grim, sordid, brutal and sadistic story of seduction and prostitution with no moral compensation.

"08/15"

The Board screened the above entitled German feature, based on the story of "The Revolt of Gunnar Asch" and considered it filled with excessive drinking, drunkenness, drunken brawling, over-exposure, promiscuity, infidelity and Prussian sadism.

Blonde In Bondage

The Board considered that five sequences showing nakedness, drug addiction and prostitution should be eliminated. The producer would not authorize the eliminations suggested and the picture was, therefore, not approved for exhibition.

The Cool And The Crazy

Scenes in this picture depicting the distribution of marijuana cigarettes and narcotics to juveniles make it a disgraceful, brutal and murderous picture. The Board considered that the emphasis on violence, drinking, sadism and the low moral tone of the film made it unsuitable for showing to the general public.

God's Little Acre

The Board of Censors, and an Appeal Board appointed to review the decision of the Board of Censors, were of the unanimous opinion that the blending of degeneracy, sex and religion, even apart from the clothing of the women and prolonged embracing made the picture completely objectionable and it should not be shown even if extensively cut.

High School Confidential

The Board believes that narcotic and illegal drug traffic as a theme for motion pictures is morally unsound and detrimental to the public interest.

When synthetically centred around the peddling of marijuana "sticks" to jive-talking, curious and weakly-vulnerable high school teenagers - graduating to heroin - it is fraught with dangers which the Board is not disposed to encourage.

And God Created Woman

The Board considered this picture to be sensationally uninhibited - cynically, nakedly sensual, risqué, and depraved.

Although its turbulent free-wheeling morals would probably find ready patrons and high profits from a certain section of the community the Board must be guided by the broad principle that nothing should be passed which is calculated to demoralize the public, or shock the just sensibilities of any section of the public. It is considered that this particular picture goes far beyond mere suggestiveness, that it seriously violates moral principles held by all accepted religions.

High School Hellcats

This picture centres around the activities of an organized gang of tough, smart alecky, criminally delinquent girls in high school, who flaunt school authority, victimize teachers, terrorize and coerce decent girls to join them; the initiation rites include forced drinking of liquor and methodical instruction in felony.

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	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Australian	1								
British	61	80	47	31(8)	21(8)	23(10)			
Chinese	2								
Danish			3			8(1)			
Dutch	1								
French	86	72	134	9(1)					
German	2	2	4	9(1)		1(1)			
Italian		1	3			2(1)			
Japanese	1	3							
Russian	12	14	17	10(2)	3(1)	8(3)			
South African			1						
Swedish	2			4(1)					
Ukrainian	1								
United States) and Canada)	2490	1313	1007	48(20)	78(35)	102(44)			
Totals	2659	1485	1216	111(33)	102(44)	144(60)	—	—	—
Second Prints	—	—	<u>183</u>						
Total all Films	2659	1485	1399						

* Indicates number of individual eliminations, several of which may occur in the same film. The figures in brackets indicate the number of films from which eliminations have been made.

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AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

THEATRE INSPECTION DIVISION

TABLE IV

Theatre and Hall Inspections

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Number of Plans surveyed	14	8	6
Places recommended for licence (new and remodelled)	50	61	56
Number of places inspected	519	570	570
Number of recommendations made	820	833	922
Number of places inspected where no recommendation needed			79

Projection Room and Projector Inspections

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Projectors inspected	232	250	188
Recommendations made, re projectors	115	164	109
Recommendations made, re projection rooms	73	72	43

Projectionists' Licensing

	<u>Licences Issued</u>			<u>Licences Issued Since 1952*</u>
	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	
First class	4	2	3	162
Second class	11	17	6	232
Third class	31	44	36	438
Apprentice	74	62	58	1,997
Narrow Gauge	98	100	99	2,375
Permits	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	
	226	233	213	

* Permanent licensing of projectionists was introduced in 1952.

Film Reports

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Number of films reported	61,799	61,078	54,512
Number of films revised	81	366	147
Number of films condemned	7	15	3

The Companies Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Provincial Companies			
Number incorporated	1503	1616	1896
(Oil and Gas Drilling)*	(131)	(105)	(93)
Number struck off register	378	632	414
Number restored to register	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
Net increase in Registrations	1136	988	1489
Extra-Provincial Companies			
Number registered	224	248	295
(Oil and Gas Drilling)*	(32)	(54)	(49)
Number struck off register	103	140	235
Number restored to register	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
Net increase in Registrations	123	111	69
Number of Companies Registered at end of year			
Provincial	10,517	11,505	12,994
Extra-Provincial	<u>2,707</u>	<u>2,816</u>	<u>2,887</u>
Totals	13,224	14,323	15,881

* Included in the figures for number of companies incorporated or registered.

Incorporations Under Other Statutes

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
The Cemetery Act		1	2
The Co-operative Associations Act	36	40	20
The Credit Union Act	16	15	8
The Religious Societies' Lands Act	28	31	34
The Societies Act	216	195	180
The Trust Companies Act*	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	296	283	245

* Registration

Fire Losses (estimated)

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Property loss	\$6,840,901.	\$6,552,451.	\$5,325,221.
Per capita loss *	\$ 6.09	\$ 5.33	\$ 4.49
Loss of life	35	29	33
Injuries	34	33	61

* Population of Alberta: 1956 - 1,123,116; 1957 - 1,149,712; 1958 - 1,186,129.

Inspection Service

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Towns inspected	550	454	463
Buildings inspected	1903	2393	2532
Plans checked	431	513	531
Written orders	301	296	403
Verbal orders	422	402	223
Written recommendations	2677	2769	2210
Special inspections	361	365	239

Fire Investigations

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Number of investigations	111	131	179
Incendiary and suspected incendiary	37	39	60
Charges laid (arson and allied offences)	13	10	21
Convictions	5	3	16
Pending	2	2	1

Investigations on Behalf of
Superintendent of Insurance

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Investigations under Alberta Insurance Act	23	21	36
Prosecutions	4	5	10
Investigations under Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act	33	43	55
Prosecutions	9	22	13

Fire Prevention Division

TABLE VI cont.

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Meetings held	224	364	513
Number of film showings	142	263	247
Attendance at Meetings	11,767	21,243	24,588
Fire Drills held (at schools, hospitals etc.)	286	225	262
Demonstrations of first aid fire fighting equipment	96	70	66
Number of Fire Prevention Week Reports	238	221	199

Fire Protection Instruction Unit

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Fire Departments inspected	151	95	48
Recommendations	285	67	27
Drills called	75	58	79

The Lightning Rod Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Companies licensed	--	--	--
Agents licensed	37	39	41
Investigations	3	4	6
Special inspections	23	4	6

FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

TABLE VII

Sales of Fuel Oil to Consumers in Alberta

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Gallons non-purple tax-exempt fuel oil	320,467,827	233,869,769	250,642,763
Gallons purple tax-exempt fuel oil	<u>190,495,236</u>	<u>177,554,549</u>	<u>195,986,806</u>
TOTAL GALLONS TAX-EXEMPT SALES	510,963,063	461,424,318	446,629,569
TOTAL GALLONS TAXABLE SALES	<u>226,369,447</u>	<u>243,287,727</u>	<u>254,137,380</u>
TOTAL GALLONS ALL SALES	737,332,510	704,712,045	700,766,949

Prosecutions under the Fuel Oil Tax Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Number of prosecutions	1,412	1,622	1,203
Fines and costs paid	\$42,150.	\$50,967.	\$36,225.

Change of Name Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Certificates of Change of Name issued	332	356	347

Accountants' Experience Appraisal Board

The Alberta Chartered Accountants Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Applications received	22	8	10
Applications revived	--	1	2
Certificates granted	12	1	6
Applications refused i) conditionally	6	5	4
ii) unconditionally	1	3	2
iii) incompletely documented	3	--	--

Board of Examiners

The Chiropody Professions Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Applications received	2	--	--
Certificates granted - graduates of Accredited Schools	2	--	--

Chiropractic Appraisal Board

The Chiropractic Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Applications received	19	13	8
Applicants approved	16	9	7
Applicants not approved	3	4	1
Applications carried over	--	--	--
Schools approved (graduates qualified to practise) (Total approved schools)	15	15	15

The Naturopathy Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Applications received	7	5	7
Applicants approved	6	5	6
Applicants not approved	1	--	1
Applications carried over	--	--	--
Schools approved (graduates qualified to practise) (Total approved schools)	18	18	18

Board of Examiners

The Optometry Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Applications received	1	9	--
Certificates granted			
i) graduates of Accredited Schools	1	5	--
ii) qualified on examination	--	1	--
Applications refused			
i) not qualified	--	1	--
ii) residence requirement	--	2	--
iii) failed on examination	--	--	--

Summary of all Applications for Certification

under the Professionals Acts up to December 31, 1958.

	<u>Chart. Acc.</u>	<u>Chiroprody</u>	<u>Chiropractic*</u>	<u>Naturopathy*</u>	<u>Optometry</u>
Total applications received	111	7	46	19	43
Total applications approved					
i) graduates of Accredited Schools	--	6	37	17	37
ii) qualified on examination	--	--	--	--	1
iii) qualified by experience	70	--	--	--	--
Total applications refused					
i) conditionally	21	--	--	--	2
ii) unconditionally	12	--	9	2	1
iii) failed on examination	--	1	--	--	2
iv) incompletely documented	7	--	--	--	--
Total Applications withdrawn	1	--	--	--	--

* Applicants listed with the Appraisal Board since 1955 as graduates of accredited schools and qualified to practise.

The Alberta Insurance Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Companies licensed 1) Dominion registered	341	345	332
2) Alberta incorporated	6	6	7
3) Extra-provincial	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
Total, Companies licensed	362	367	355
New Companies admitted	11	12	12
Companies withdrawn during year	—	4	2
Companies withdrawn, merged, or not renewing at end of year	7	20	3
Insurers remaining at end of year	355	343	345
Company inspections carried out	3	6	3
Agents' certificates of authority issued	4,982	5,334	5,602
Adjusters licences issued	143	150	165
Complaints received	215	307	314
Charges entered	4	51 *	10
Convictions obtained	4	49	8
Letters of warning	20	30	29

* 45 charges were against one agent under the Criminal Code.

The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958 *</u>
Agents' and Salesmen's Licences issued	1,989	2,434	1,809
Complaints received	75	93	113
Charges entered	10	26	15
Convictions obtained	3	22	13
Cases dismissed or withdrawn	4	2	2 **
Cases pending	4	2	2
Letters of warning	12	17	23

* These figures are for the calendar year 1958.
Continuous licensing was introduced effective July 1st, 1957.

** Charges entered in 1957.